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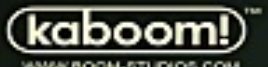

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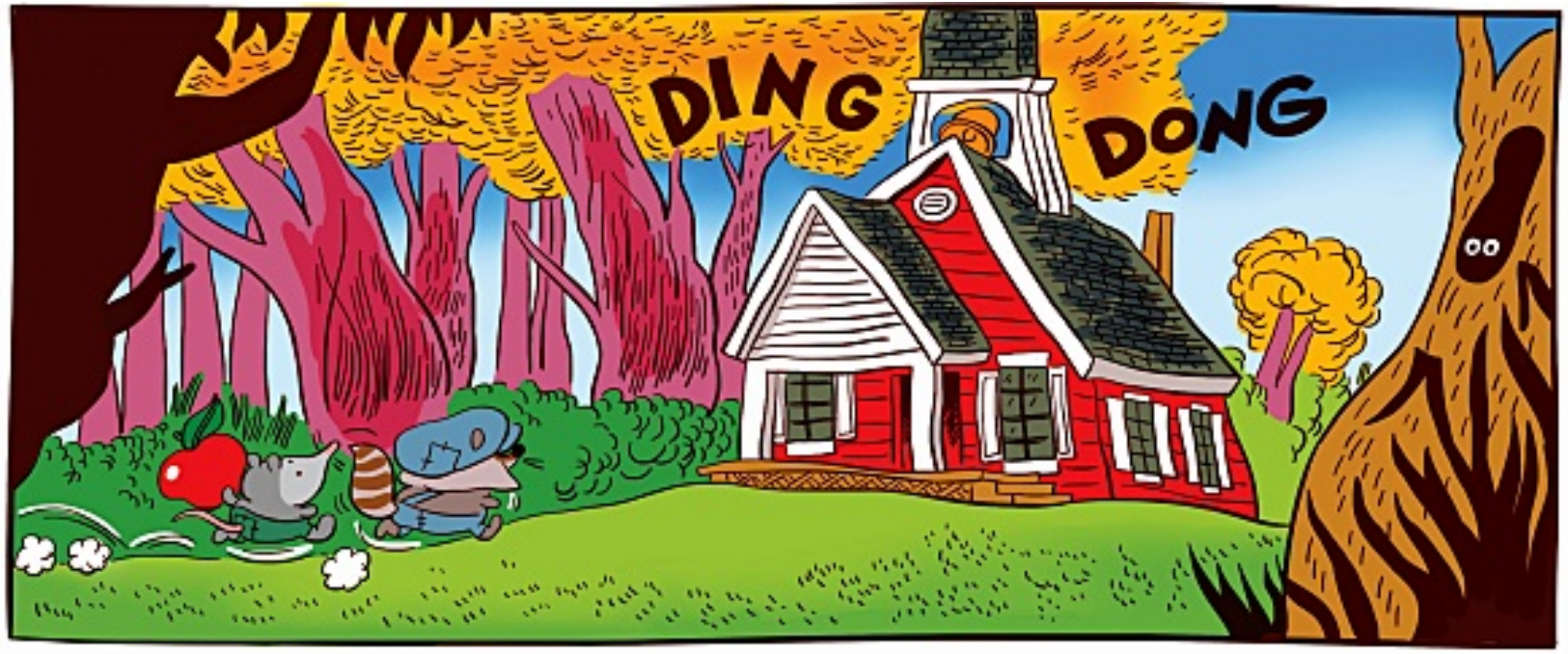
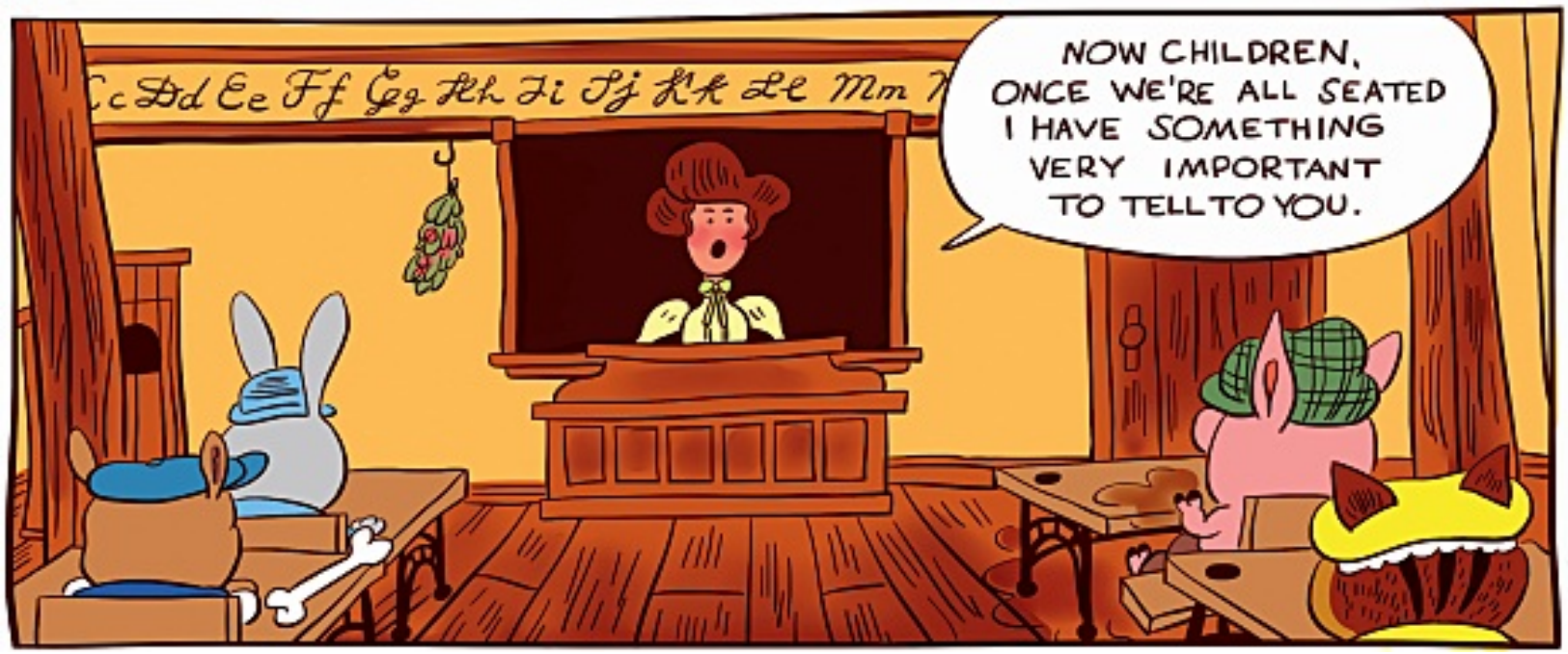

DING
DONG

HURRY UP, BOYS! THE LESSONS WON'T BE LEARNED BY THEM-SELVES!

AND REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR APPLE TILL THE LUNCH BREAK. NO MUNCHING IN CLASS!
EKEKEKEKEKEK


NOW CHILDREN, ONCE WE'RE ALL SEATED I HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO TELL TO YOU.

FROM TODAY ONWARD WE WILL HAVE A NEW STUDENT JOINING US FROM ACROSS THE SEAS!
MEET POOREE THE ELEPHANT!
HE'S ALL ALONE IN THESE PARTS AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALL BE KIND AND WELCOMING TO HIM IN ORDER TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME.
TOOT
MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE CLASS AND SAY SOMETHING TO YOUR NEW FRIENDS?
TOOT

TOOT!
INDEED! NOW PICK ANY SEAT YOU'D LIKE!
HMPHHHHHHHHH
CRACK
TOOT
POP
HARHARHAR
WEHEHEHEHEHE
KIDS! KIDS! HUSH! POOREE, ARE YOU OKAY?
HEHEHEHE

OH WELL, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO SIT ON THE FLOOR A BIT UNTIL WE GET A MORE... SUITABLE DESK FOR YOU FROM THE CARPENTER...
TOOT

NOW GETTING BACK TO THE POINT, OUR SUBJECT TODAY IS SPELLING THE LETTER "I"
Toda
Les

NICE...

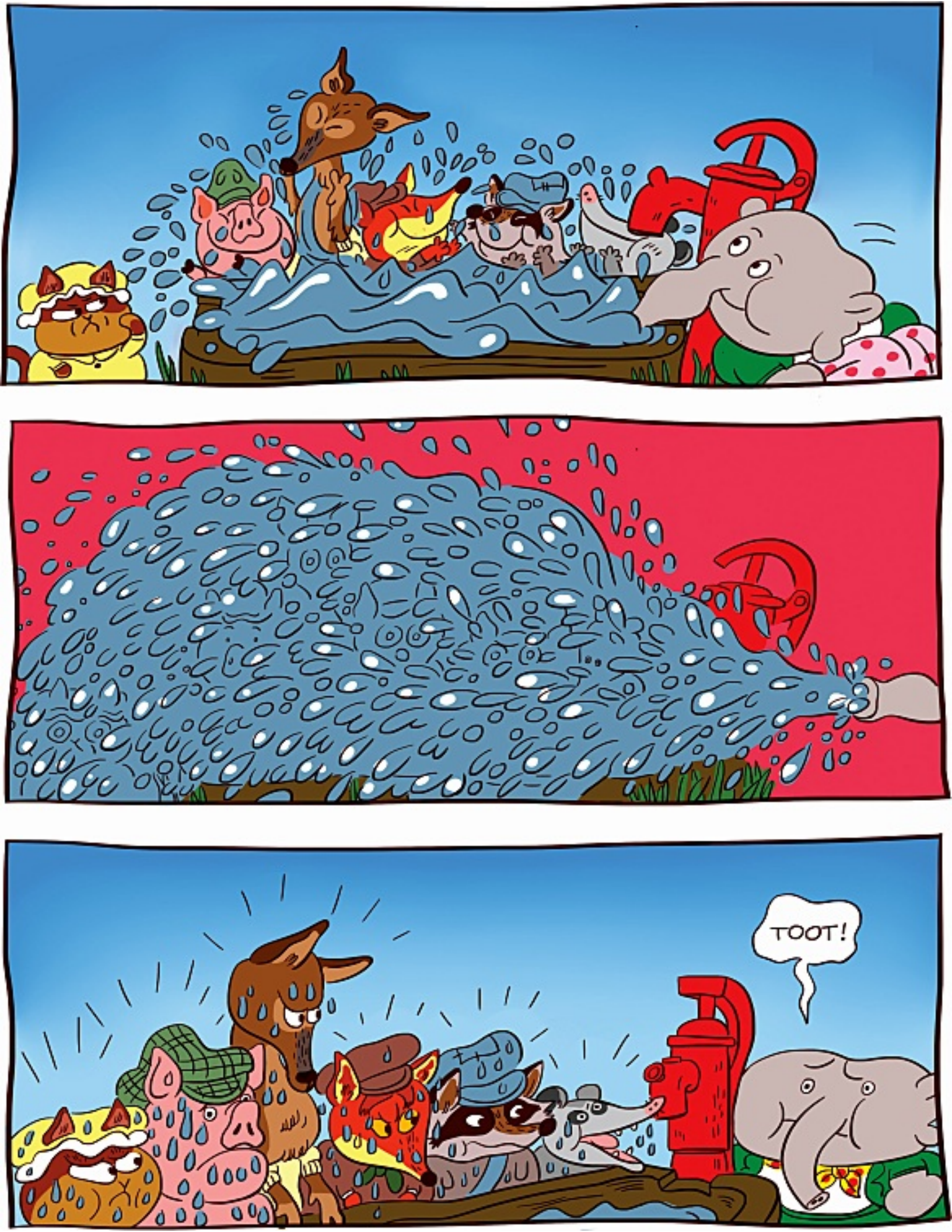
VERY GOOD...

WELL DONE...

GREAT...

TEHE HE HE HEHE HE
TOOOT
OH POOREE... I SEE YOU ARE HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH PEN AND INK. FORTUNATELY IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME FOR ALL OF YOU CHILDREN TO TAKE YOUR BATH...
BABABABA
HAR HAR HAR HAR
INK

MEOW!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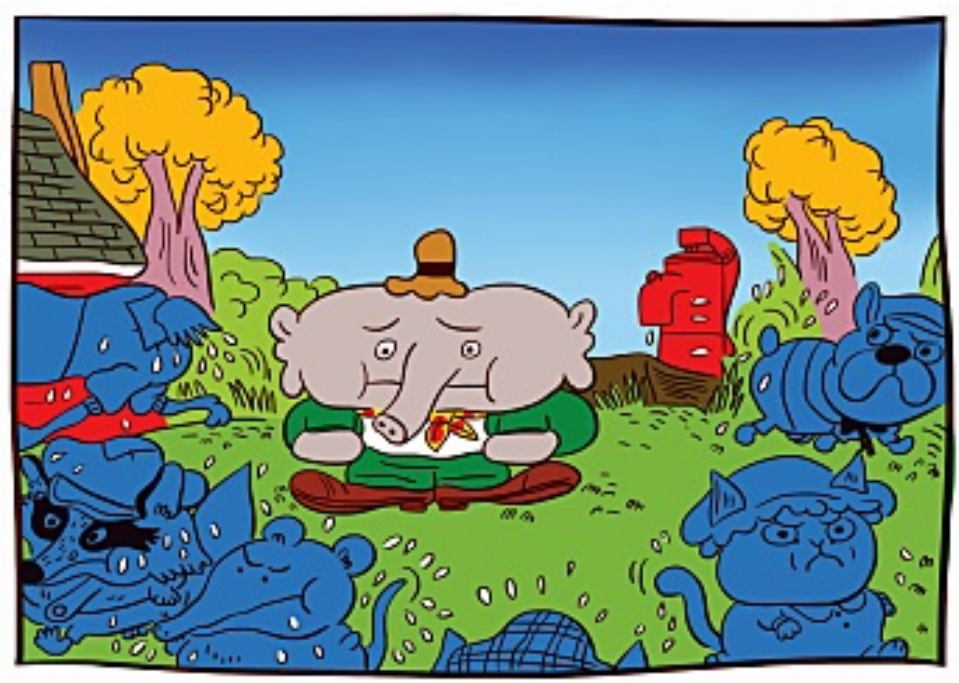
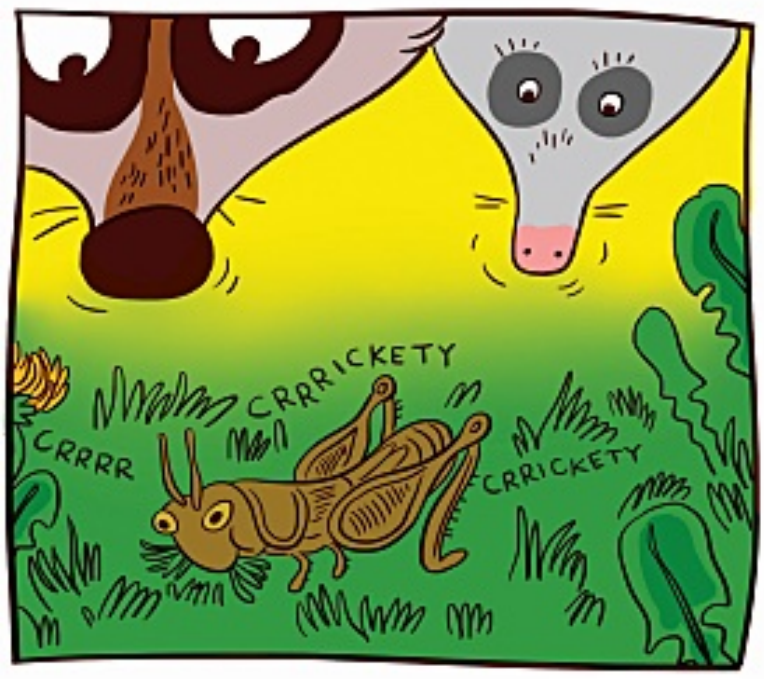


YUM
CRRRICKETY

SHHHHHH
CRICKETY
CRICKETY
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP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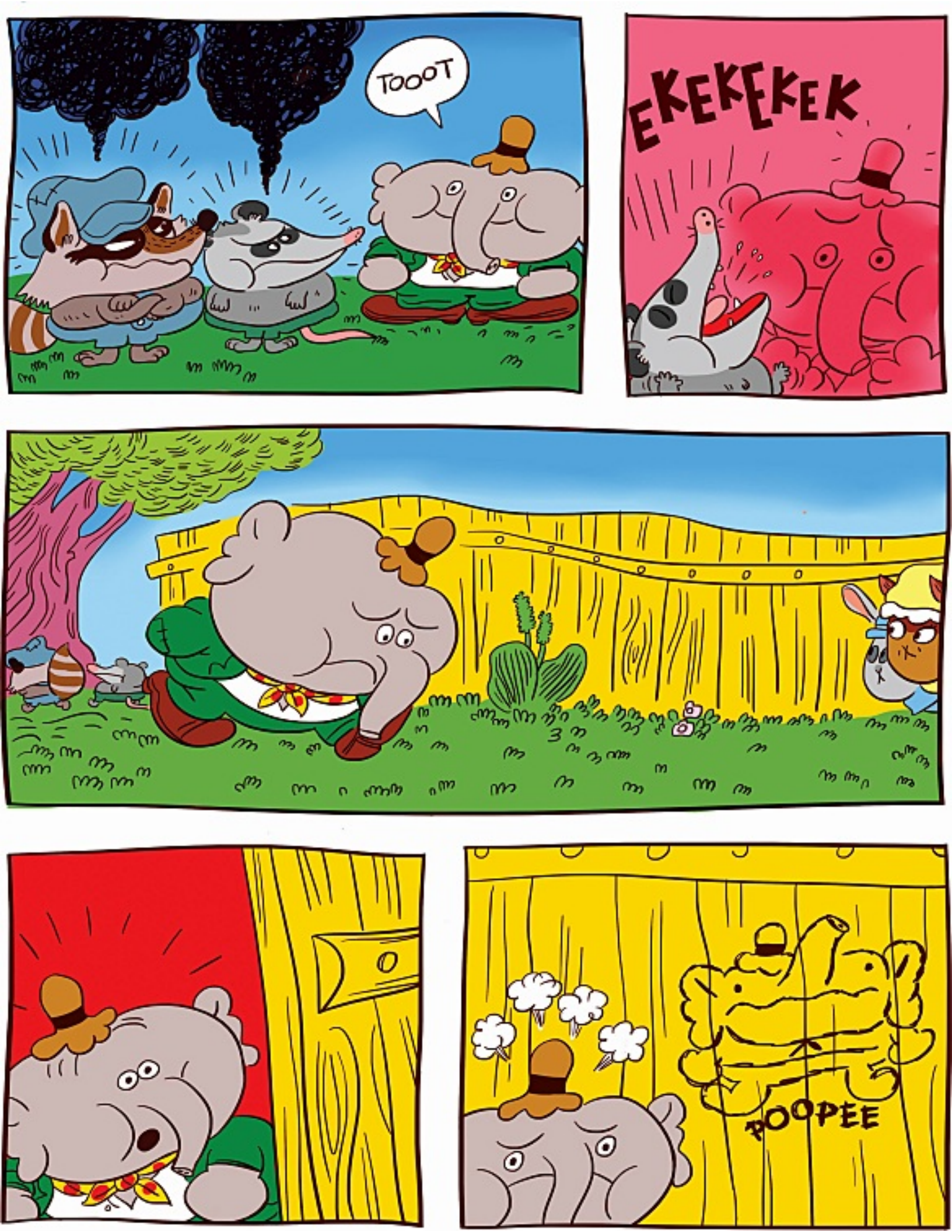
CRRRR
CRRICKETY

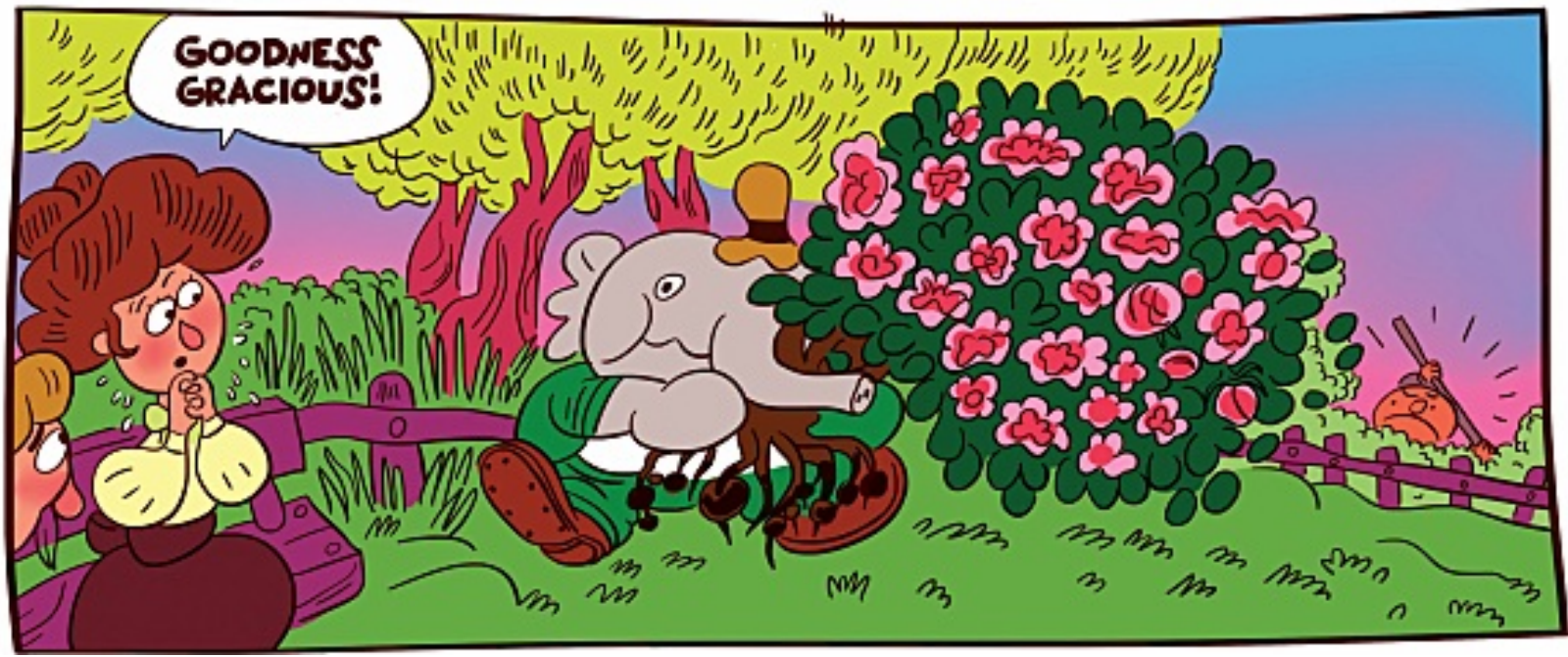
TOOOOOT
HOP


TOOOT
EKEKEKEKEK
POOPEE

FLOWERS FOR MY FLOWER! PICKED 'EM M'SELF, JUST FER YOU DARLIN'!
OH JIMMY!

I GIVE YOU AN A FOR EFFORT AND A B FOR BEIN' MY SWEET LITTLE HONEY BEE.

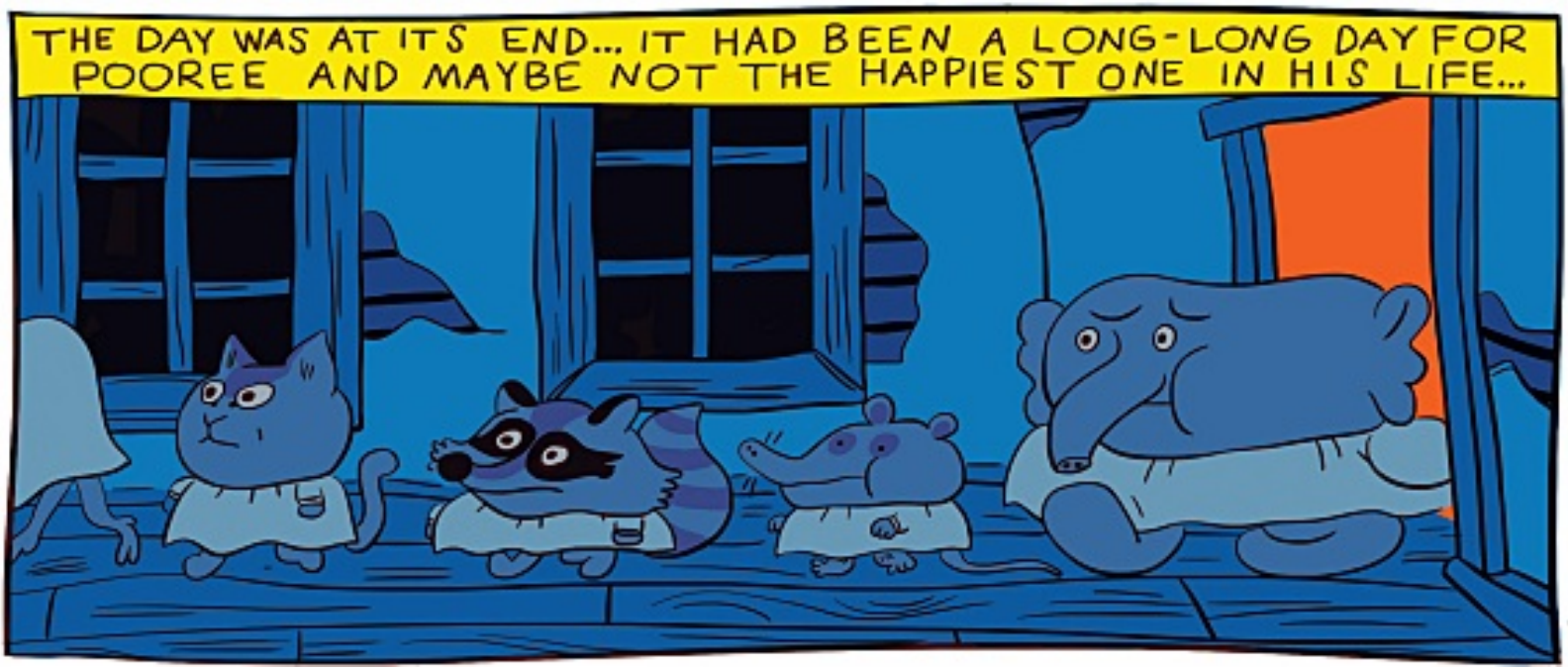
TOOOOT


GOODNESS GRACIOUS!

OH MY! I HOPE THEY CAN STILL BE PLANTED BACK INTO THE GROUND

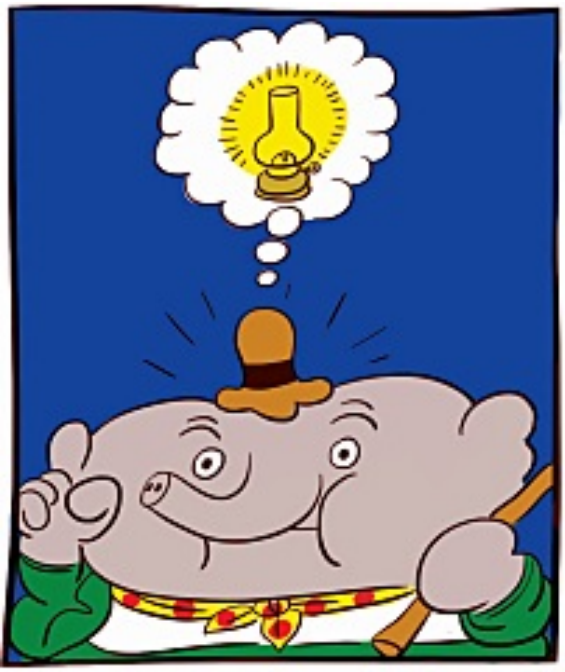
OTHERWISE WE CAN DRY THEM. DON'T WORRY, SWEETIE, EVERYONE'S PRONE TO MAKE MISTAKES SOMETIMES...
TOOT...

SOON THE BELL SOUNDED FOR BEDTIME AT THE SCHOOL...
DING DING
DONG


THE DAY WAS AT ITS END... IT HAD BEEN A LONG-LONG DAY FOR POOREE AND MAYBE NOT THE HAPPIEST ONE IN HIS LIFE...

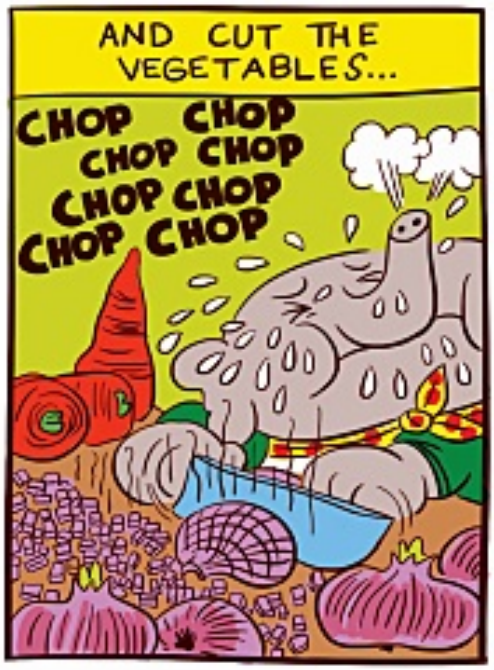
BOOM
SHHHHHH
BUT NIGHT BROUGHT HIM NO REPOSE...

THIS WAS THE LAST STRAW FOR THE LITTLE ELEPHANT...
SNIFF SNIFF
HE DECIDED TO LOOK FOR A HOME WHERE AT LEAST THE FURNITURE WOULD BE HOSPITABLE FOR HIM...
TOOOT
SNIFF

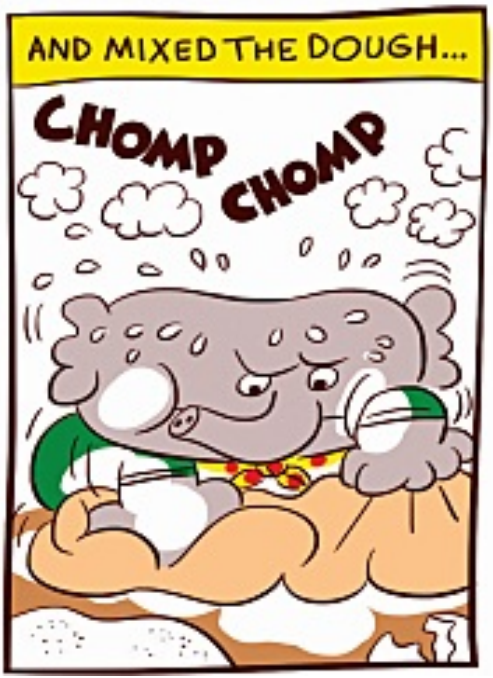


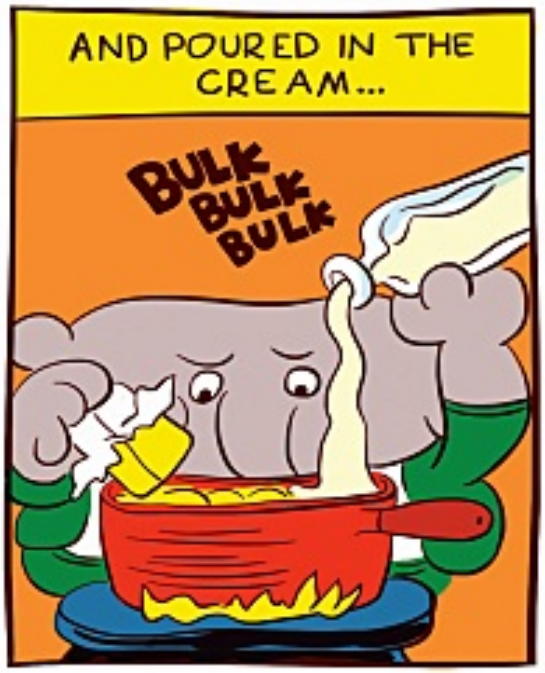
BUT LEAVING HIS NOT-SO-FRIENDLY FRIENDS WITHOUT A PARTING GIFT WAS NOT IN POOREE'S MANNER
MOL

SO HE PEELED THE POTATOES...
SCRRATCH
SCRRATCH

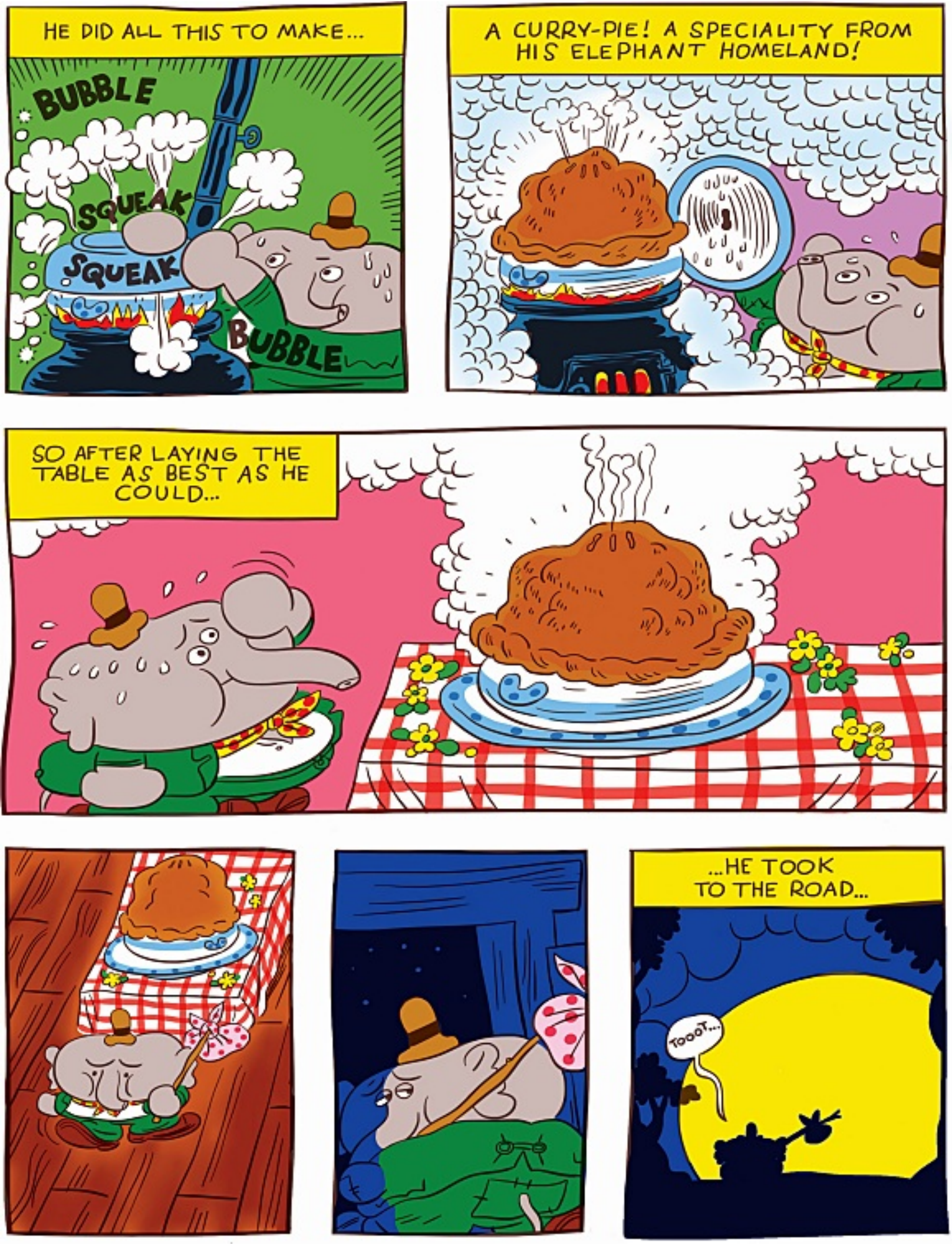

AND CUT THE VEGETABLES...
CHOP CHOP
CHOP CHOP
CHOP CHOP
CHOP CHOP

AND BOILED THEM...
GORGLE
GORGLE


AND MIXED THE DOUGH...
CHOMP
CHOMP


AND POURED IN THE CREAM...
BULK
BULK
BULK

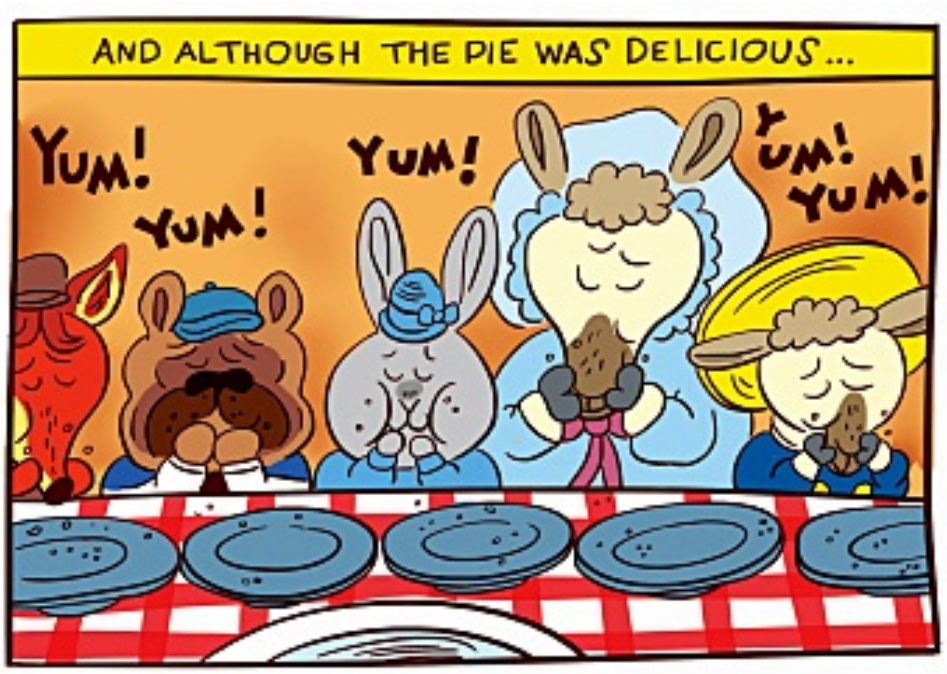
AND FINALLY HE FLAVORED IT WITH THE FRAGRANT SPICES OF HIS HOMELAND
SHOOSH


HE DID ALL THIS TO MAKE...
BUBBLE
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
BUBBLE
A CURRY-PIE! A SPECIALITY FROM HIS ELEPHANT HOMELAND!
SO AFTER LAYING THE TABLE AS BEST AS HE COULD...
...HE TOOK TO THE ROAD...
TOOOT...

NEXT MORNING IT WAS RAINING CATS AND DOGS AND ALL THE OTHER ANIMALS TOO...
COUGH COUGH
COCK-A-DOODLE DOO
THE SCHOOLCHILDREN SLOWLY WOKE...
YAAAWN!
YAAAAWN!
YAWN!
YAWN!
TO DISCOVER ONLY POOREE'S BLANKET LEFT BEHIND!
?!
AND HIS CAP AND BOOTS MISSING!
AND A CURIOUS PIE!
YUM!

OH CHILDREN, I'M AFRAID POOREE'S GONE!
THE RAIN'S SO HEAVY... POOR THING... AND HE WAS SO NICE TO LEAVE A PARTING GIFT FOR US!
ALL THE CHILDREN FELT SO ASHAMED FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR...
THAT THEY FOUND THEMSELVES AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE MISSING THEIR WAYWARD SCHOOLMATE, HAVING REALIZED WHAT A SWEET SOUL HE WAS...

BUT WHILE THEY HAD TO EAT BREAKFAST, THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY...
CRUNCH


AND ALTHOUGH THE PIE WAS DELICIOUS...
YUM!
YUM!
YUM!
YUM!
YUM!

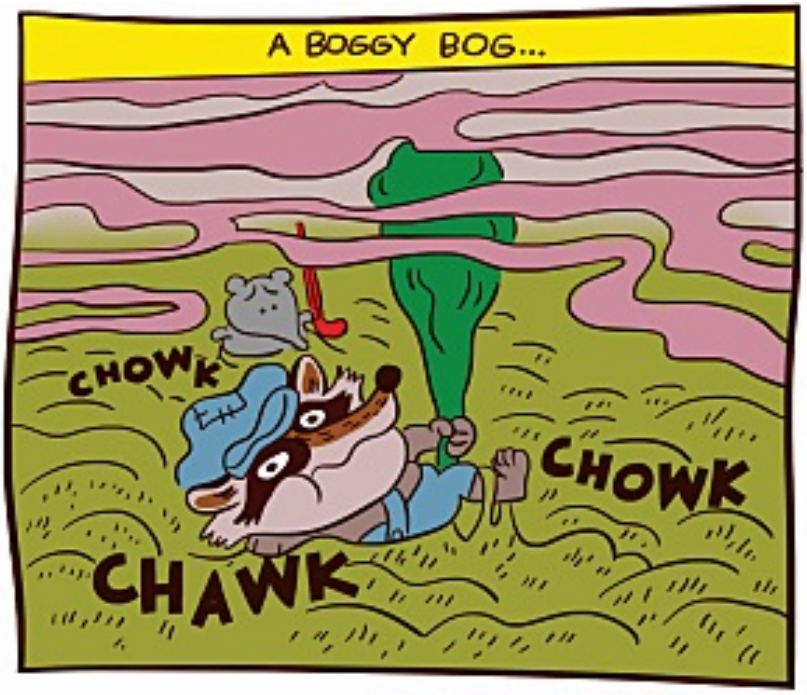
IT DID NOT EASE THEIR FEELINGS OF DESPAIR AND REGRET.
SHAKE
SHAKE

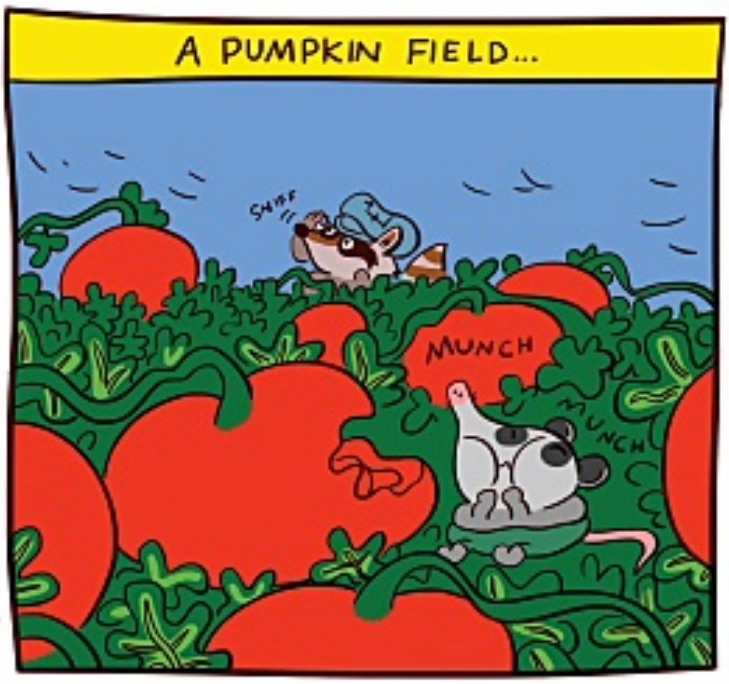
MEOW!

IT WAS TIME TO DO SOMETHING!
WHAM!

SOON THE BOLDEST OF THE BUNCH SET OUT IN SEARCH OF POOREE...
SNIF!

THE BOYS LOOKED FOR POOREE IN A THICK THICKET...
POP


A BOGGY BOG...
CHOWK
CHOWK
CHAWK

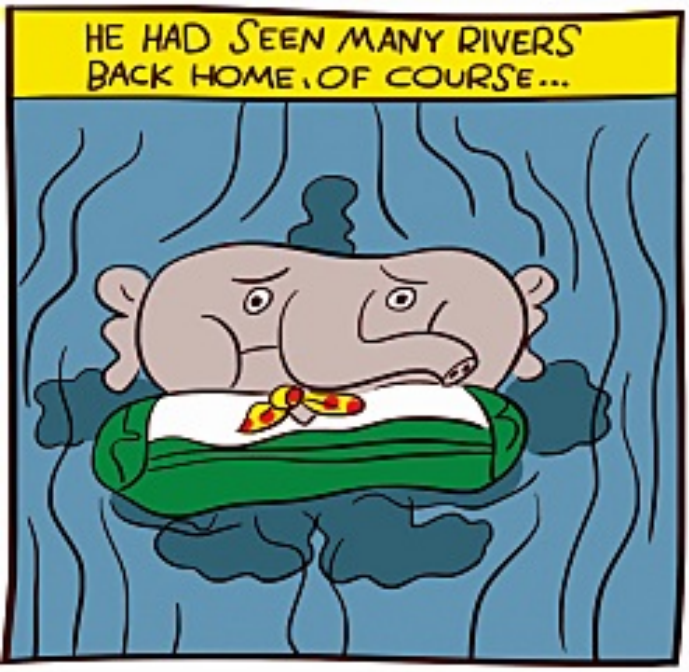

A PUMPKIN FIELD...
MUNCH
MUNCH

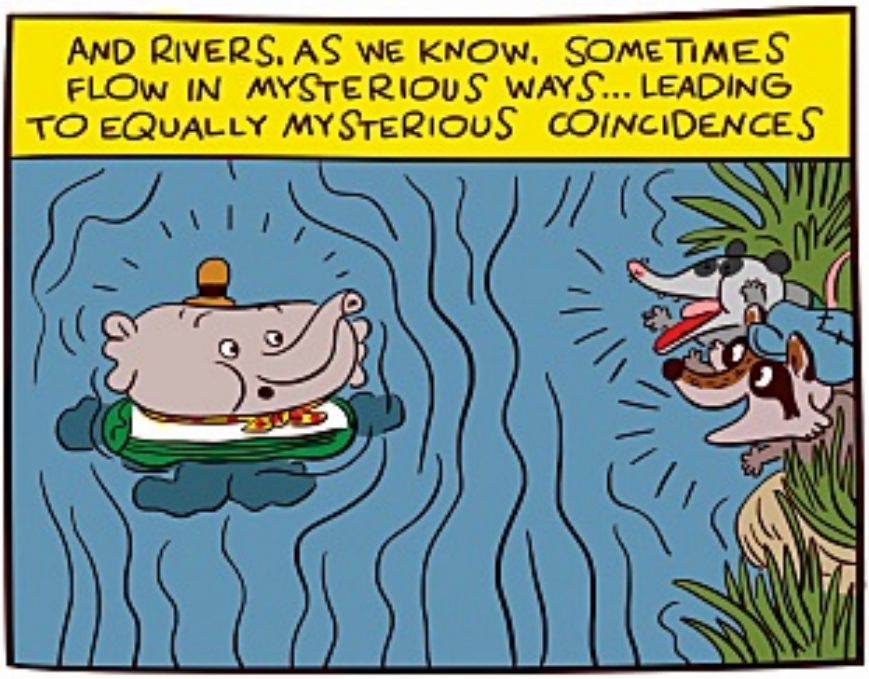
AND A CORNFIELD...
GOBBLE

UNTILL THEY REACHED A CIRCUS TENT; THEIR LAST HOPE.
NAY, NAY, GENTLEMEN. WE HAVE A DWARF HIPPO, TWO GIRAFFES, OLD ALLIGATOR AND A MERMAID AT OUR CIRCUS, BUT NO ELEPHANT!
POOREE

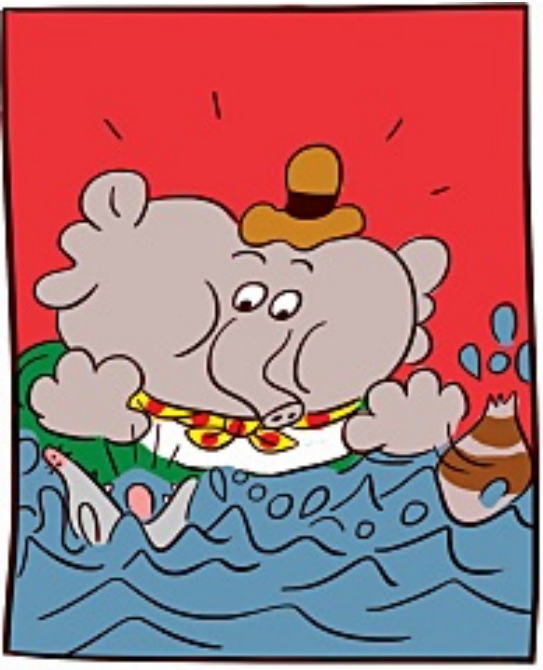
BUT IT WAS NO USE. POOREE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ANYWHERE.

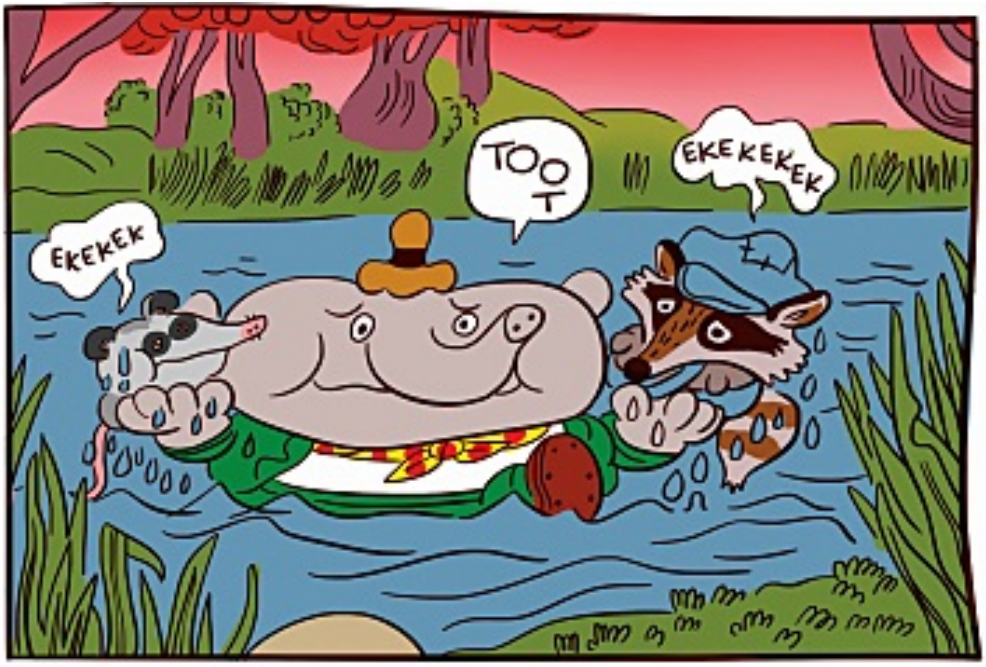
HAVING NO IDEA WHERE TO GO BY FOOT, POOREE DECIDED TO TRUST THE RIVER-WATERS HOPING THEY WOULD BRING HIM SOMEWHERE FAR FAR AWAY...

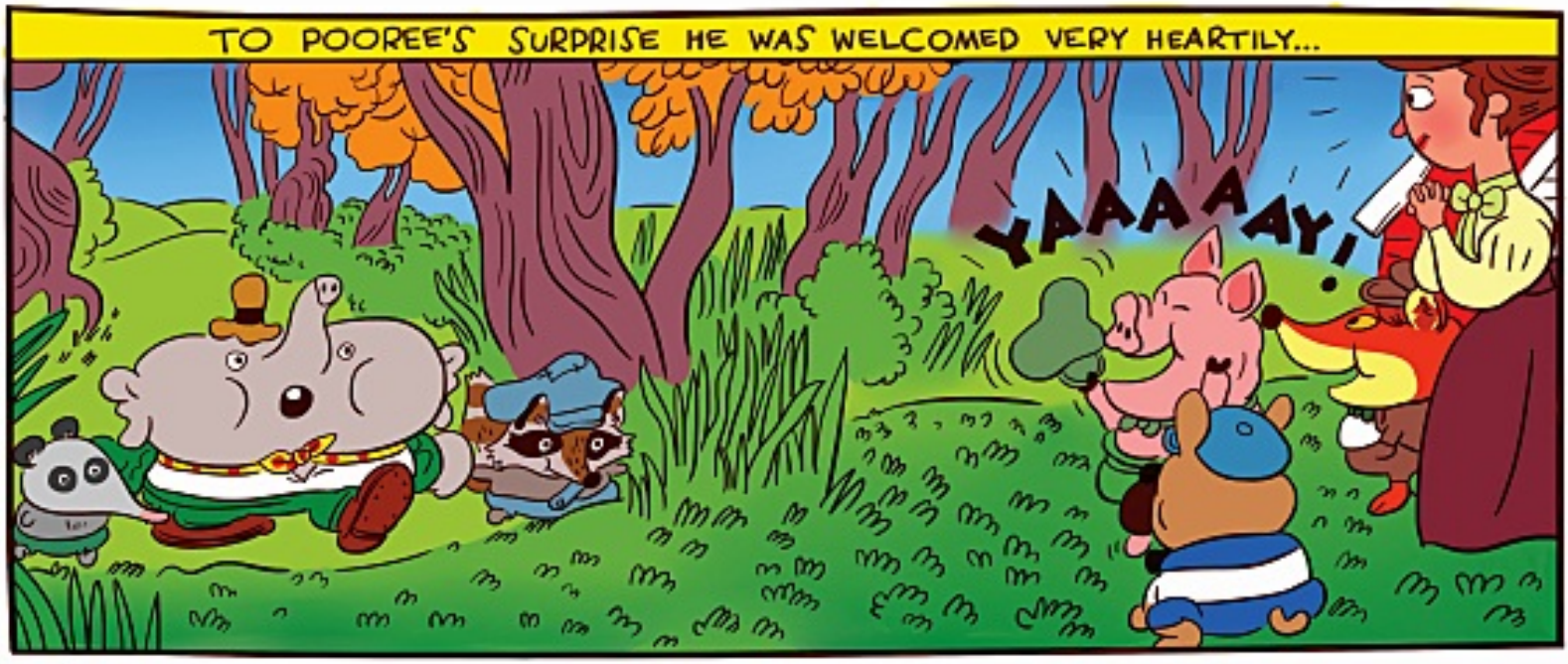

HE HAD SEEN MANY RIVERS BACK HOME, OF COURSE...

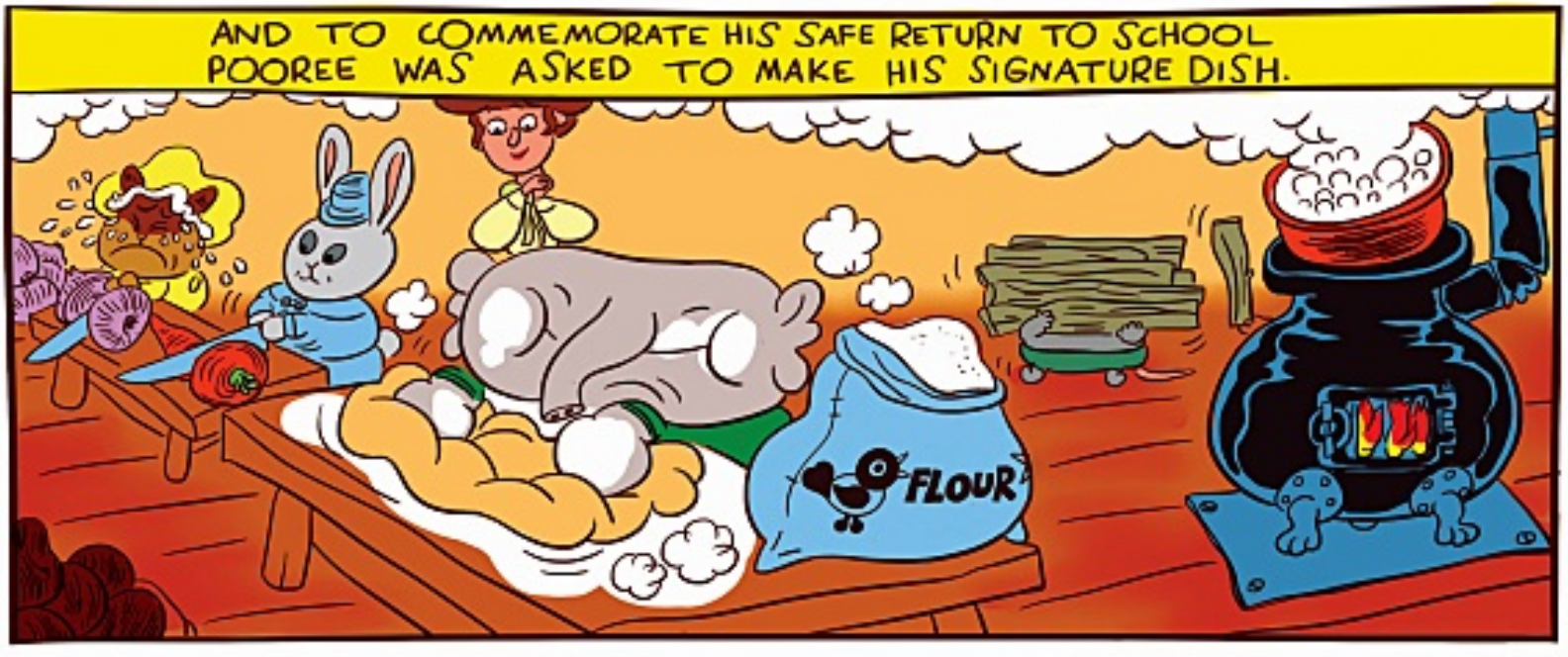

AND RIVERS, AS WE KNOW, SOMETIMES FLOW IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS... LEADING TO EQUALLY MYSTERIOUS COINCIDENCES

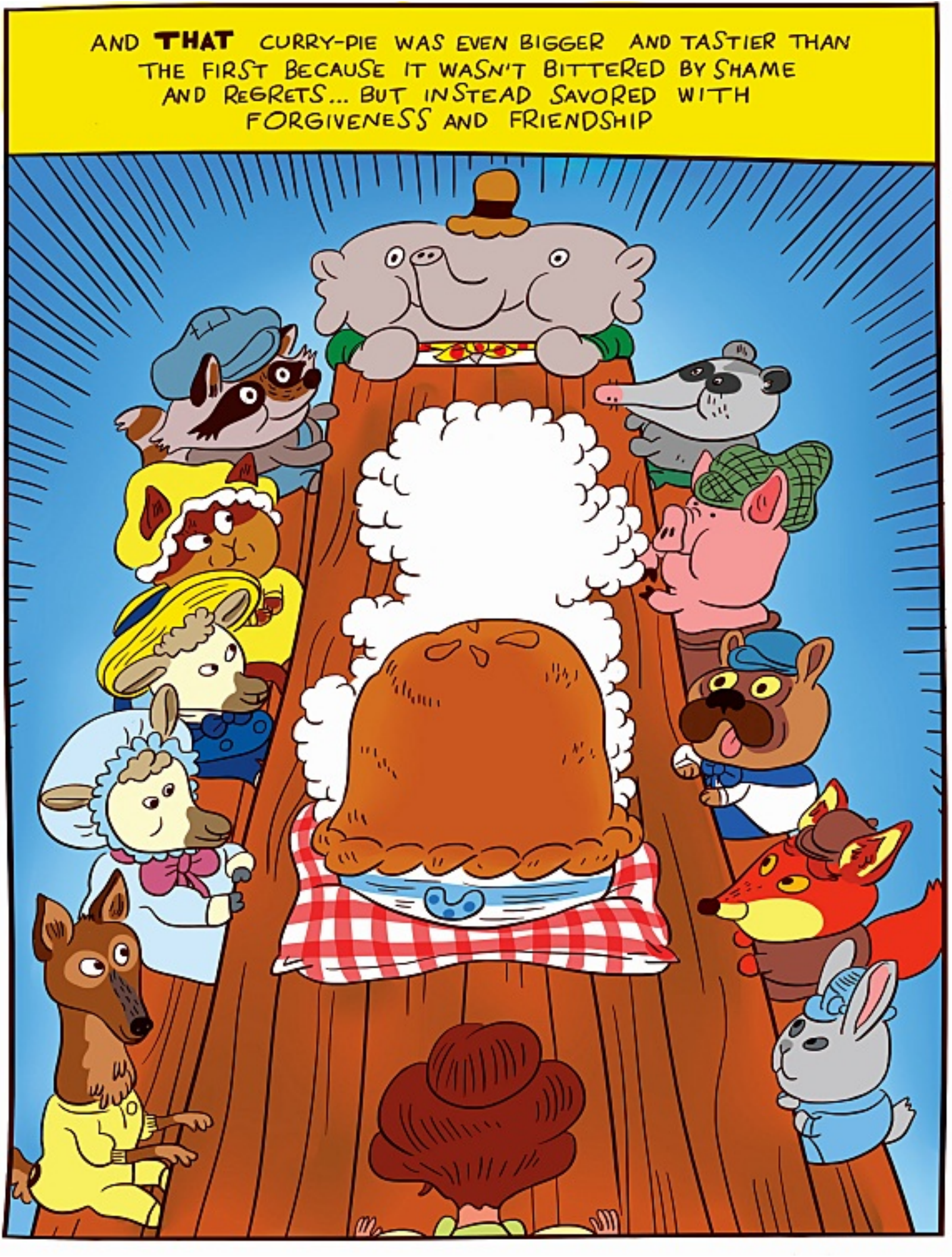
PLONK!
SPLASH




EKEKEK
TOOT
EKEKEKEK

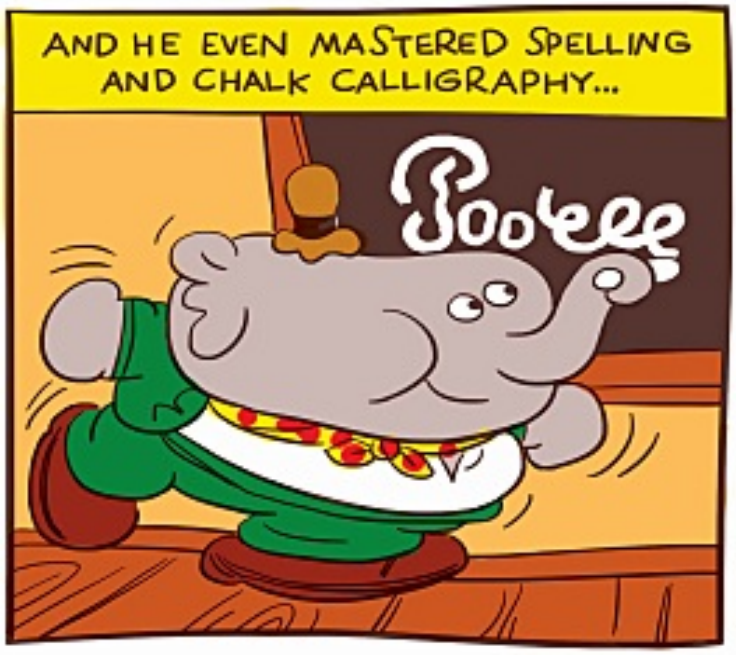

TO POOREE'S SURPRISE HE WAS WELCOMED VERY HEARTILY...
YAAAAAAY!

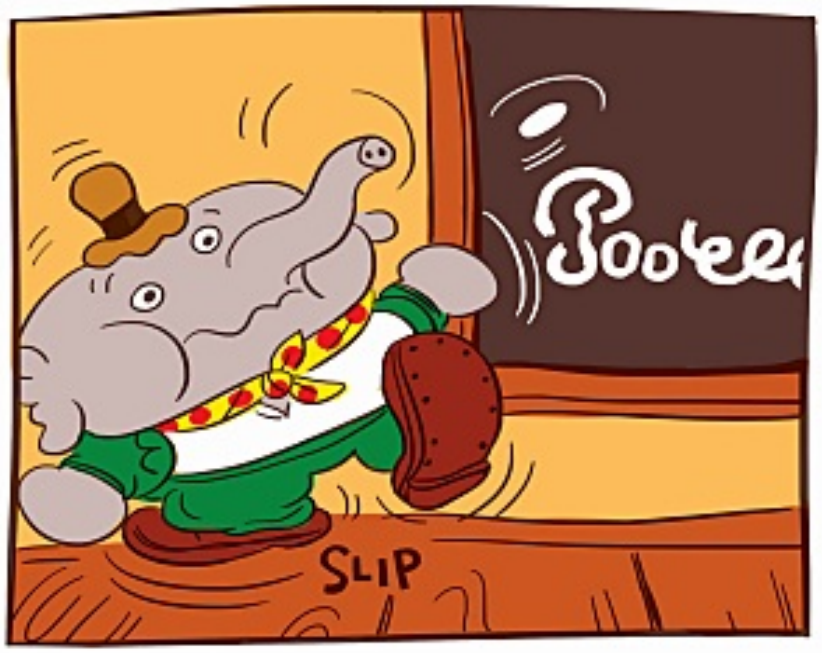

AND TO COMMEMORATE HIS SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL POOREE WAS ASKED TO MAKE HIS SIGNATURE DISH.
FLOUR

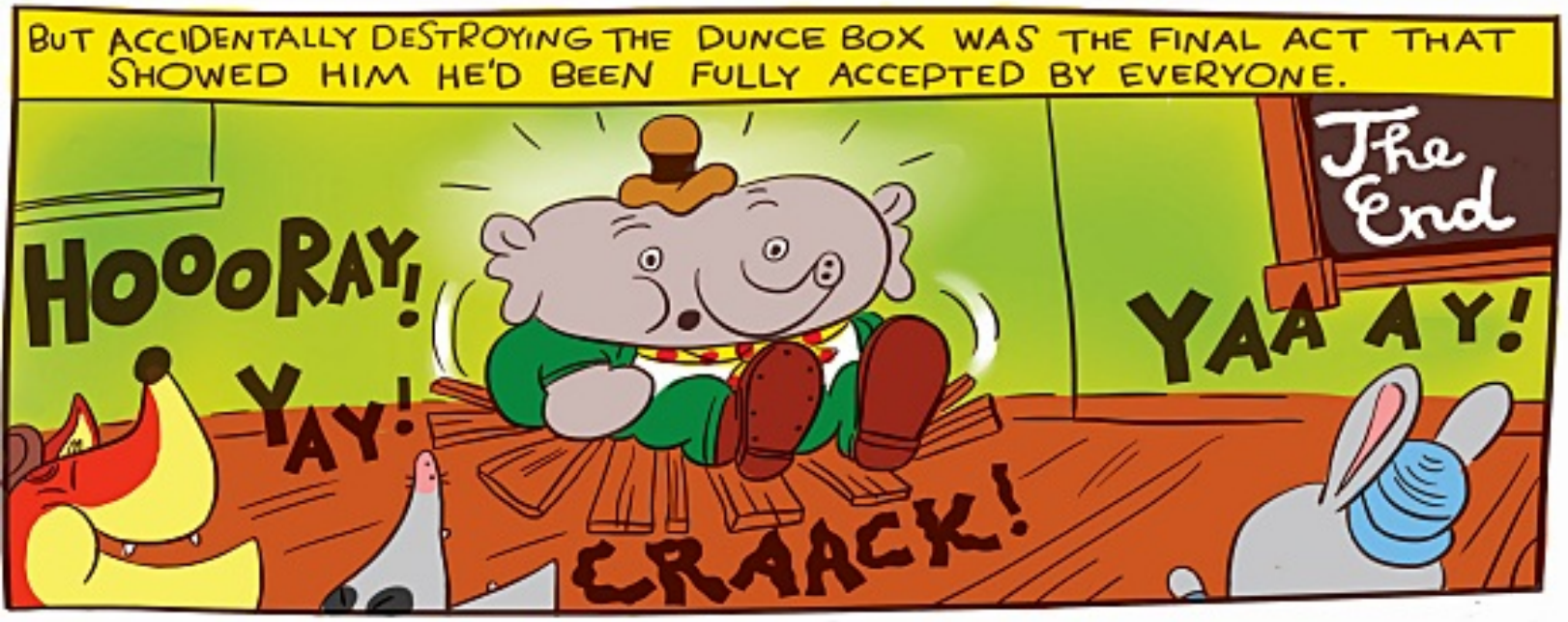

AND **THAT** CURRY-PIE WAS EVEN BIGGER AND TASTIER THAN THE FIRST BECAUSE IT WASN'T BITTERED BY SHAME AND REGRETS... BUT INSTEAD SAVORED WITH FORGIVENESS AND FRIENDSHIP

FINALLY POOREE SETTLED IN AT SCHOOL AND HIS UNUSUAL FEATURES BECAME ADVANTAGES...
TOOT!

SUITABLE FURNITURE WAS FOUND FOR HIM TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES...


AND HE EVEN MASTERED SPELLING AND CHALK CALLIGRAPHY...
Pooree


Pooree
SLIP


BUT ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYING THE DUNCE BOX WAS THE FINAL ACT THAT SHOWED HIM HE'D BEEN FULLY ACCEPTED BY EVERYONE.
HOOORAY!
YAY!
CRAACK!
The End
YAAAY!

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WHAT COULD IT BE?

SOMEONE PLEASE ANSWER THIS FOR ME?

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